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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :  
DONALD C. ROE, ET AL. :  
Serial No.: 09/342,719 : Group Art Unit: 3761  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the continuing obligation of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the provisions of MPEP §§ 609 and 707.05(b), Applicants submit herewith on attached form PTO-1449 the following references to the Patent and Trademark Office as being of potential interest in the examination of the subject application.

**COMMONLY ASSIGNED CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b), Applicants submit the following co-pending, commonly assigned cases that the Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider in examining the above identified application:

U.S. Application Serial No. 09/107,561 filed on June 29, 1998 in the name of Donald C. Roe, et al.;

U.S. Application Serial No. 09/106,225 filed on June 29, 1998 in the name of Donald C. Roe, et al.; and

U.S. Application Serial No. 08/970,508 filed November 14, 1997 in the name of Donald C. Roe, et al.

**COPIES OF REFERENCES**

Copies of references previously provided are not being supplied in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), which states in part:

[a] copy of any patent . . . listed in an information disclosure statement is not required to be provided if it was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in a prior application, provided that the prior application is properly identified in the statement and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

All the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited by or submitted to the Office in application serial numbers 09/107,561 filed on June 29, 1998; 09/106,225 filed on June 29, 1998; and 08/970,508 filed on November 14, 1997, which are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

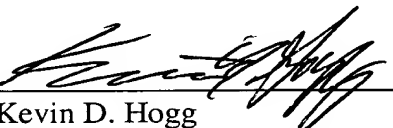
It is respectfully requested that the documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in the case.

**SUMMARY**

It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of this submission and indicate that the references have been made of record in the next official paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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